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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 28, 2006, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, applicants request that the Examiner enter the following amendments in connection with the above-identified application:

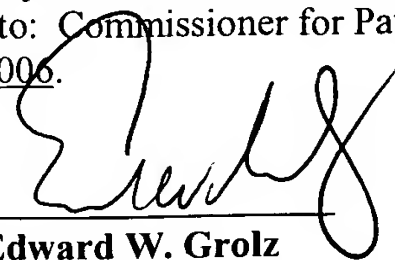
Amendments to the claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.

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